



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

**CERTIFIED MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 20, 2000

Michael Childers, Treasurer
Tammy Baldwin for Congress
P.O. Box 696
Madison, WI 53701

**RE: MUR 4965
Tammy Baldwin for Congress and
Michael Childers, as Treasurer**

Dear Mr. Childers:

On April 14, 2000, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on your clients' behalf in settlement of violations of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. The payment of the civil penalty has been received. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Campbell
Paralegal Specialist

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

cc: Hon. Tammy Baldwin (with enclosure)

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)
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Tammy Baldwin for Congress and) MUR: 4965
Michael Childers, as treasurer)

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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that Tammy Baldwin for Congress and Michael Childers, as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. Tammy Baldwin for Congress is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4), and is the authorized principal campaign committee for Tammy Baldwin's 1998 congressional campaign.

2. Michael Childers is the treasurer of Tammy Baldwin for Congress.

3. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires principal campaign committees of candidates for federal office to notify in writing either the Secretary of the Senate or the Commission, as appropriate, and the Secretary of State of the

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appropriate state, of each contribution totaling \$1,000 or more, received by any authorized committee of the candidate after the 20th day but more than 48 hours before any election.

2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A). The Act further requires notification to be made within 48 hours after the receipt of the contribution and to include the name of the candidate and office sought, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor. Id. The notification of these contributions shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements.

2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(B).

4. Among the contributions that Respondents received between October 15, 1998, and October 31, 1998, were twenty-nine contributions of \$1,000 or more totaling \$37,502.92. Respondents did not submit 48 Hour Notices for these contributions.

V. Respondents failed to report campaign contributions of \$1,000 or more received after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before the general election, within 48 hours of receipt of the contributions, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirement contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or

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oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY:

Lois G. Lerner (By *SL*)
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Date

4/19/00

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

Michael F. Chasins
(Name) *Michael F. Chasins*
(Position) *TRUSTEE*

Date

4/4/00

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